

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20 JULY 2010
AT 7.45 PM

Present: Cllr Mrs D V Bulley - Chairman

Cllr B Crossland	Cllr P Scott
Cllr Mrs M Crossland	Cllr Mrs S E Stone
Cllr R W Crapper	Cllr E Wearing
Cllr A Farmer	
Cllr Mrs N Miah	

Apologies: Cllr N A MacRae MBE (Town Mayor), Cllr A D Coomber (Deputy Town Mayor), Cllr P Madden, Cllr Mrs MacRae, Cllr Mrs L Walcott and Cllr W O Walcott MBE.

35. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 June 2010, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record subject to an amendment in Item 21, line 6, and signed by the Chairman.

36. MATTERS ARISING

The Recreation Committee would be considering costed options for Pampas Close. Cllrs Coomber and Farmer would be meeting contractors at Whittington Place to discuss their bids. The notice board for Marigold Square had arrived and would be installed shortly. The Continental Market could not be located on the WODC car park so Cllr Farmer and the Clerk were looking for alternative sites. Cllr Farmer raised the issue of anti-social behaviour and asked if there was best practice elsewhere which could be adopted. Cllr Scott explained the actions taken by the Police. It was noted that CCTV was now in place on the ARRG and that this might move the anti social behaviour elsewhere.

37. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In June, the Mayor had visited Carterton Over-60s Club, Carterton Football Club, Carterton Boxing Club, the Open Gardens event and a Concert by The Songsters. He had marked Armed Forces Day both in Carterton and Oxford and had been to Christ Church Cathedral for the Army Cadet Force 150 year celebrations.

During July the Mayor had met with OCC road engineers to discuss adoption of roads on the NE Carterton Estate; attended a NAG meeting and viewed the CCTV unit. With the Mayoress he had visited the Community College to view artwork and had unveiled a mural by pupils. The Mayor and Mayoress had attended a function hosted by the High Sheriff at her home and had been to the Air Tattoo at Fairford. The Mayor and Mayoress had hosted a reception at the Town Hall for residents of Carterton.

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs Crossland declared an interest in planning (Item 28) by virtue of her membership of the WODC Planning Committee. Cllr Scott declared an interest as Chairman of the NAG and also in Item 39 as Hanson's was an indirect customer of his company. The Clerk advised that she did not feel that Town Councillors (other than Cllr Scott) had a prejudicial interest in Item 39.

39. ANTI GRAVEL GROUP OF RESIDENTS OF WEST OXFORDSHIRE

The Chairman welcomed John Bowler, Steve Dixon and Graham Haslam to the meeting. Mr Dixon explained that the County was considering three options for the extraction of 31.5 m tonnes of gravel over the next 15 years. Option 1 involved existing sites, options 2 and 3 were looking at new sites and in both cases this included the Clanfield and Bampton area. The gravel could not be transported to the south because of inadequate bridges across the Thames. There would also be a huge impact on the landscape and potential flooding. AGGROW estimated a possible 360 lorries would be travelling via Carterton, around Upavon Way, each day. OCC Cabinet would be considering the options in October and there would then be a period of public consultation towards the end of the year. A Public Enquiry would take place in 2011. AGGROW estimated that they needed £40,000 to fight the proposals and asked for the Town Council's support.

In discussion it was noted that the Government set targets for gravel extraction and that 25% of the gravel in southern England was in Oxfordshire. The Group would be lobbying WODC for support and funding. Councillors suggested that gravel extraction would provide employment and might also result in an upgrade of the roads in the area. Mr Bowler explained that Hanson's had made no promises about infrastructure improvements. He also said that OCC Cabinet would be making a decision about the preferred option in advance of having received all the necessary assessments from Hanson, which was why AGGROW was employing experts to produce these reports. Cllr Farmer asked what opportunities might come from extraction if Clanfield/Bampton were to be the preferred option. The AGGROW representatives could see no positives and added that, with builders being urged to use more recycled material, the need for new areas for gravel extraction might decline in future years.

As a Governor of the Community College, Bob Edwards raised concerns about the number of lorries that might use Upavon Way and the speed at which they would travel.

The Chairman thanked AGGROW for their presentation and the representatives left the meeting.

40. REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM AGGROW

The Council considered an application for funding from AGGROW. It was felt that WODC should be the chief source of funding and that the Town Council should challenge Hanson and OCC on the proposed route and on a possible levy which could be used for improvements to the infrastructure. The Clerk was also asked to write to David Cameron MP about a possible levy being used to improve the road network and the long term need for gravel.

The Council **RESOLVED** to make a grant of £500 to AGGROW from S137 funds to support their campaign but felt that it could not justify a larger donation until the questions regarding the levy and routing of lorries had been answered.

41. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

WODC Cllr Howard thanked the Deputy Mayor for supporting a function at the Football Club. He urged the Council to make a submission to the District Council about the design of buildings in Carterton. It was noted that this was being done as part of the LDF submission.

42. ADJOURNMENT FOR TVP REPRESENTATIVES TO RAISE ISSUES

No representatives were present.

43. ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MATTERS

No representatives were present.

44. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's Report, copies of which had previously been circulated, was received. The decisions taken on the Report are recorded at Annex 'A' below.

45. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 15 June and 6 July 2010. These were noted.

46. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Administration Committee held on 6 July 2010.

Cllr. Crossland reported on the various recommendations. He proposed a change to the sums to be invested suggesting that £300,000 be invested for 2 years at 2.7%, £100,000 for 1 year at 2% and £100,000 for 6 months at 1.5%. This would provide funds to pay for the work on the ARR. The Council RESOLVED to accept this proposal and also agreed that Cllrs Crossland, Scott and Bulley and the Clerk be authorised to sign on these accounts. The Council agreed the new s137 grant policy and also the proposal that town twinning should not be actively pursued at present.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Administration Committee meeting be approved.

47. CARTERTON, BURFORD ROAD CYCLE SCHEME

The Council received the consultation documents from OCC. It was noted that the RAF would be requiring servicemen to travel by means other than car and that they therefore welcome this proposal. It was also noted that the Council needed to start spending s106 money as soon as possible. The Council discussed the various options and strongly supported Option 3, which would involve the widening of the path and the construction of separate pedestrian and cycle lanes.

RESOLVED that Option 3 should be supported and that the Council should press for cycle routes elsewhere in the town, particularly those that would link in to the RAF base.

48. CARTERTON CELEBRATES

The Council noted the programme of events and agreed to let the Clerk or the CFF Project Manager know if they could help over the weekend.

49. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement to 30 June 2010, set out at Annex 'B', was approved. A summary of Income and Expenditure by Budget Heading was also provided at Annex 'B'.

50. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Council RESOLVED that the Accounts set out at Annex 'C' be approved for payment. Cllr Farmer suggested that the Town Hall might be able to find a company which would charge less for the annual Fire Safety check and he asked that Play Inspections be put on the agenda of the next Recreation Committee Meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm.

September 2010

Town Mayor

Clerk's Report – 20 July.

1. **Alvescot Road Recreation Ground Refurbishment** – in addition to Playbuilder Grant, the Town Council has been awarded grants of £50,000 from Wren and £20,000 from WODC. This means that the full refurbishment programme can be undertaken. There will be more consultation in July and August and we will go out to tender in the early autumn. **Noted.**

2. **Variation of licence** – the Co-op at Marigold Square has applied to extend its licence to sell alcohol from 07.00 –22.00 to 07.00- 23.00 Monday to Sunday. The Town Council is invited to comment. **Council objected to this extension as the shop is in a residential area.**

3. **Jill Edwards** has returned from the games in Sweden with six gold medals for swimming and also the trophy for the best female swimmer. **It was agreed that the Mayor should invite Mrs Edwards to a future Reception.**

4. **Meeting with OCC** - Councillors received an email invitation to meet OCC at the Pavilion, Bampton, between 6.30 and 8.30 pm on Thursday 29 July. There are two places for each Council. Cllrs Mrs Bulley and Mrs Crossland have expressed an interest in attending. **Noted.**

5. **NHS Consultation Oxford.** A range of consultation exercises are taking place with the aim of helping to develop health services in the County. More information is available at <https://consult.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk> **Noted.**

6. Clare Crossley, the Extended Services Co-ordinator, has written to thank the Council for its grant of £1,500 which is being used to support the Summer Activity Programme 'Get Stuck In'. **Noted.**

7. Forthcoming events and meetings:

3 August –	Planning Committee
17 August –	Planning Committee
7 September –	Planning and Recreation Committees
11/12 September –	Carterton Celebrates including Mayor's Quiz Night (11 Sept) and Civic Service (12 Sept).
21 September -	Planning Committee and Council